



First Semester Introduction

Summer Semester 2025

Department of International Affairs

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What do we do?

- Advice and support for international students ([Team International Degree-Seeking Students](#))
- Coordination and advice on all aspects of study abroad programs ([Team International Mobility](#))
- Maintenance of [international partnerships](#)
- [Internationalization Strategy 2030](#)
- and more...



Team International Degree-Seeking Students

As part of the **Department of International Affairs** we advise you on...

- Orientation at TH Köln and in Germany
- Right of residence/immigration office
- Financing your studies
- Housing/Accommodation
- Health insurance
- Challenges during your studies




If we do not have the answer to your question, we will also support you in finding the right contact persons.

For Starters

Have a look at: www.th-koeln.de/international-first-year-students

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 - TH Köln Buddy Program
 - Getting Started
 - Advisory Services
 - Health and Safety
 - Leisure

Degree-Seeking Students

- ✔ News for international students
- ✔ Before your Arrival
- ✔ Your Start of Studies at TH Köln
- ✔ Student Life in your City
- ✔ During your Studies

Welcome to TH Köln

Dear International Students,

We welcome you to our university and are pleased that you have decided to study at TH Köln.

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...and our Video Tutorials




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Getting Started at TH Köln



Where do I find my schedule? How does PSSO work? What do I need ILIAS for? What is a Fachschaft? At the beginning of your studies, you probably have lots of questions. This webpage can help you navigate your start at TH Köln.

- ✂ Your faculty – for all information on your degree program
- ✂ Fachschaften – "Faculty Student Association"
- ✂ CampusID
- ✂ WiFi, VPN, student e-mail address and other IT services
- ✂ learning platform ILU and TH Spaces
- ✂ CaMS
- ✂ PSSO
- ✂ Semester Ticket



After your arrival

Important steps

After your Arrival

Registering your place of residence

When to go?

Two weeks after you have moved into “permanent” place of residence

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After your Arrival




You have finally made it to Germany – but what’s next? Registering with the city? Opening up a bank account? Where and how do I do these things? Upon your arrival in Germany, there are quite a number of organizational steps to take and things to bear in mind. On this webpage, we have compiled all essential information and addresses for your first days in Germany.

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- ✕ Residence permit from the immigration Office
- ✕ Bank account

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 More [info](#) on city registration

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Visa vs. Residence Permit Basics

- Most non-EU nationals must enter Germany on a **visa**
 - Most visa are issued for at least 6 months, often even for 1 year
- Some nationals may enter Germany without a visa
 - They can stay in Germany for 3 months

- All non-EU citizens must request a **residence permit** for study purposes from the immigration office in Germany
 - You have entered **visa-free**: apply for residence permit **within three months**
 - You have entered **with a visa**: apply for residence permit **within validity period of your visa**



Please note: Process takes time!

Do not wait until the last day but kick-off the process at least 3 months in advance or shortly after having registered with the city.

Visa General Info



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More [info](#) on residence permit

Web-Seminar Residence Permit



Visa, Residence Permit and the Immigration Office [in English]

Web-Seminar for international students, 09/05/2025



Are you a non-EU student at TH Köln with a study visa or residence permit? Join our upcoming session to get valuable insights! Learn about your responsibilities, the Immigration Office, and tips for extending your residence permit. Stay informed and prepared – don't miss out on this important information!

At a Glance

Visa, Residence Permit and the Immigration Office [in English]

Web-Seminar for international students

Where?

Online via Zoom


Meeting-ID: 655 4827 5203


Kenncode: 052025

[Zoom-Link](#)

When?

 09/05/2025

 12:30 to 14:00

 [add to my calendar](#)



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Accommodation

What to consider?

Accommodation

- ✓ KSTW maintains several dormitories in Cologne, Leverkusen and Gummersbach
- ✓ Apply now
 - www.kstw.de/wohnen/bewerbung
 - Select all types of housing in the online application
 - Waiting time 6 months and longer!
- ✓ Accept the offer, even if it does not have the desired location; all dormitories are connected to the public transport system.
- ✓ No room guarantee
- ✓ Check the private offers in the [database](#) of KSTW daily as well as other databases on the private market
- ✓ Specifically search for intermediate rent (*Zwischenmiete*)



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More [info](#) on housing and tips on finding a place to live

Ready, Study, Go



- Support for your academic success
- Preparation for the German labor market
- Network with companies in Cologne and the region
- Web-seminars and workshops on study financing, academic writing, side jobs, job application trainings and German work culture...



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[Ready, Study, Go @TH Köln](https://www.linkedin.com/company/th-koeln)



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Online-Consultation Hours

We look forward to seeing you!



Direct [link](#) to online-consultation

Every Tuesday
from 10 am - noon
(or by appointment)

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Consultation Hours

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On campus:

Thursdays 10 a.m. - 12 noon
(no appointment required)



By telephone:

Tuesdays 10 a.m. - 12 noon and Thursdays 2 - 4 p.m.

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After your arrival...

Let's stay connected!

Our communication channels

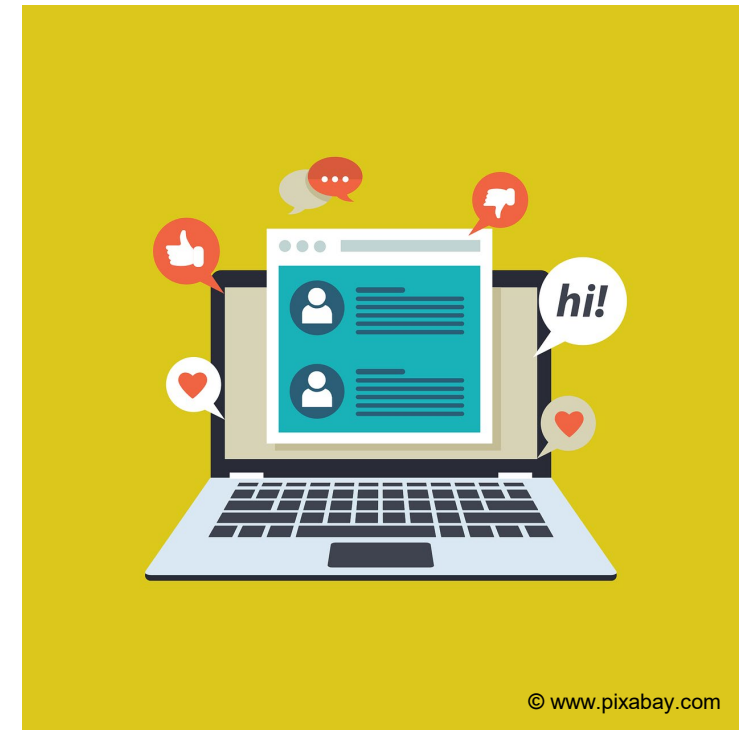


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Feel free to contact us and
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Thank you very much for your attention
We wish you a successful start at TH Köln!